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Furs are the greatest of all gifts—the most pleasing gift a woman can receive. This season fashion has given her approval to Furs in no uncertain way—never before has the demand been so strong.

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The prices are lower than we could place on such Furs in seasons past, and indeed they are lower than you will find on such Furs outside this store.

"He who gives best—gives Furs" and he who buys best—buys here.

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| PERSIAN PAW SETS, \$4.98. | SQUIRREL SETS for children, \$4.50 to \$15.00. |
| CONY SETS, \$3.23 to \$6.98. | THIBET SETS for children, \$3.25 and \$3.98. |
| MINK SETS, \$35.00 to \$210.00. | IMITATION CHINCHILLA Children's Sets, \$3.95. |
| WOLF SETS, in blue or black, \$29.00 to \$35.00. | KRIMMER SETS for children from \$5.00 to \$10.00. |
| CHILDREN'S SETS, in imitation ermine, 98c to \$1.98. | |
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New Dresden Silk Petticoats, \$5.00

Yesterday's express brought us quite a purchase of the new and extremely popular Dresden pattern Silk Petticoats. You must see these Skirts to appreciate their stylishness.

They are made with a deep flounce, in a dozen different shades to match your suit. **\$5.00**

Most appropriate holiday gifts.

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SERGEANT ACTED LIKE A SOLDIER

Though Error in Drill Was Not Detected by Judge, Krug Promptly Stepped Out.

Following the annual competitive drill, in which Sergeant Oscar L. Meyer won the medal as the best drilled man, a reunion and supper was held last night by Company C, First Virginia Regiment.

Quite a number of former members of Company C, the old "Guard of the Commonwealth," was in attendance. Among these were ex-Captain George N. Skipton and ex-Captain George P. Shackelford, two former commanders of the company; ex-Captain J. C. Boshier, former first sergeant of the company and later a captain in the quartermaster's department; and Lieutenant Alva B. Corbin, battalion commissary for the First Battalion.

A feature of the drill was the soldierly conduct of First Sergeant William L. Krug. At one time he was the only man in line who correctly executed an order, and had Captain Skipton, who was judging the drill, drawn the lines strictly. Sergeant Meyer would at that moment have been the medal-winner. But he waived his technical rights and the drill continued.

Later Sergeant Krug made a mistake which was unnoticed by Captain Skipton, but the sergeant voluntarily dropped out of line, withdrawing from the contest. It would have been possible to have righted the mistake before being seen by the judge.

Private John Hawley was a close second, and stuck with Sergeant Meyer for a long time.

The medal, which will be proudly worn by Sergeant Meyer for a year, was presented by Captain Skipton.

After the drill a meeting was held, at which a number of recruits were received.

The supper which followed was entirely informal. Apparently it was much enjoyed by every member of the company and by every guest.

COLLECT MANY COINS

Last Law Provide No Remedy for Nuisance of Dropping Money in Boxes. Postal mail boxes, which have been through the Richmond offices have experienced much trouble recently, caused by persons who drop coins in letter boxes to cover the expense of postage. To prevent this nuisance Postmaster Allan requests that persons be more careful in the future. There is no postal law against such practices, but the mail carrier is held responsible for the amounts he collects in this way, and often loses in the transaction.

P. V. DeGraw, Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General, in advising Mr. Allan what steps to take, said that in New York State it is estimated that each mail carrier gathers from boxes along his route an average of \$1.15 a week, and that it is nearly all in 1-cent coins. He also states that this average, if maintained throughout the United States, would result in 300,000,000 1-cent pieces being collected by carriers each year.

ENLARGE STORE

Cohen Company Plans Twenty-Thousand-Dollar Annex. Plans were filed yesterday in the office of the Building Inspector by L. and S. Cohen for an addition to the store of the Cohen Company, at 9-11-13 East Broad Street, adding an annex to the west. In place of the store formerly occupied by the E. H. Taylor Company. The alterations are estimated to cost \$21,000.

Permits were issued yesterday as follows:

Mrs. Maude D. West, to erect a two-story frame dwelling, on south side of Preston Street, between Sixth and Seventh, to cost \$1,000.

W. J. Gilman, to erect a one-story brick structure, in rear of 700 West Broad Street, to cost \$150.

B. Rosenfeld, to repair a brick dwelling, 103 Mayo Street, to cost \$200.

The alterations consist of cutting up for residence purposes the old hall formerly used as the Police Court of the city, prior to the erection of the City Hall.

Charge Theft of Ham. Charles Wilson and John Hadden (colored) were arrested last night on a charge of stealing a ham from D. Kennedy, 12-15 Annandale Street (colored) was arrested on a charge of feloniously assaulting Morton Brown.

CHALONER TRYING TO FIND ASSASSIN

Offers Reward of \$1,000 for Arrest, with Evidence to Convict.

WOULD PAY MAN WHO SHOT

Immunity from Prosecution and \$1,000 if He Will Tell Who Hired Him to Kill.

John Armstrong Chaloner yesterday offered a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of the man who attempted to kill him from ambush near Cobham, Albemarle county, on Thanksgiving Day. With the hope, however, of learning the identity of the person who planned the assassination—if it can be proved—Mr. Chaloner offers the actual assassin immunity from prosecution and a reward of \$1,000, if he will turn State's evidence.

Warrants were issued some weeks ago for the arrest of a citizen whom Mr. Chaloner suspected of the alleged crime. Later, the citizen's alibi was accepted and the court papers were withdrawn.

While in Richmond yesterday Mr. Chaloner had several hundred flaming circulars printed, which will be sent broadcast and largely distributed around the section where the shooting is said to have occurred.

What Chaloner Offers.

The full text of the circular follows: One thousand dollars reward offered by the undersigned for the apprehension and conviction of the party who shot at Mr. John Armstrong Chaloner with a rifle from ambush on the public road between Grace Church and Cobham, Va., November 25, 1909.

1909 about 7 o'clock, a stranger coming from the direction of Clement, and carrying a rifle, was met by two persons about half way from Grace Church and the creek next to Clement. The stranger was a tall, lank white man, six feet or more in height, wearing a soft slate-colored hat with a light band, pulled down over his brows, and also wearing a short dark overcoat with large bright buttons, which shone in the moonlight.

The said parties had with them a half-breed, two-year-old hound, which growled at said stranger when he approached, and when the said parties called the dog on the stranger said to them, in a gruff, threatening tone, "If you dog had come any nearer I would have shot him." He then loaded his rifle and asked the way to Cobham, a railway station on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

JOHN ARMSTRONG CHALONER.

"The Merry Mills," Cobham, Albemarle county, Va.

It might be well to add that provided the man that fired the rifle turns State's evidence against the party hiring him to assassinate the undersigned, said man will also receive \$1,000 reward, and the undersigned will not proceed against him. Moreover, the Virginia Code makes shooting at a man from ambush with intent to kill a mere misdemeanor, punishable by a few dollars fine or a few days in jail, or both.

JOHN ARMSTRONG CHALONER.

Mr. Chaloner said last night that while there was not much difference between an assassination and an attempt, the disparity in the law was shocking, his point being that an attempt is as criminal as murder itself. In studying the Code he said he was surprised to find how easily a would-be assassin might escape.

COLLIDES WITH AUTO

W. O. Knapp Caught Underneath Machine, but Not Injured.

Clay Street car No. 218 and an automobile driven by W. O. Knapp, of the Virginia Auto Supply, collided at Second and Grace Streets shortly before 8 o'clock yesterday morning, both street car and automobile being damaged. According to Mr. Knapp, he was knocked out into the street and turned upside down, and the cause was a defective spring. He was not injured. The street car was damaged only in the fender.

Want Bids for New College.

Plans and specifications of Roanoke College, to be built at Danville, have been received in the Builders' Exchange here. Messrs. John Pettit, of Danville, and Lynchburg, the architects, want general contractors to submit bids to their Danville office on December 29.

WORKED UNDER SISTER'S NAME

But Ida Belle Henderson Is Finally Arrested for Theft of Sewing Machine.

Ida Belle Henderson, of Jackson Ward, exercised all the ingenuity of a thief in an attempt to escape arrest last night on a charge of stealing a sewing machine from the Slinger Company.

It seems that some months ago Ida Belle, as it is alleged, bought a sewing machine on the installment plan. It was installed well enough, but no payment came in, and when the collector called on Ida Belle, she was not at home. She never was at home when he called, and finally he didn't know whether such a woman as Ida Belle Henderson ever lived. High Constable Wyatt sent a deputy to visit the woman. He searched her supposed home high and low, but there was only Emma Henderson to be found, and Emma disclaimed all knowledge of Ida Belle. The deputy searched the house, and there was no sign of a sewing machine. He gave it up as a bad job.

Then a warrant for Ida's arrest was sworn out, and the case was given to the detectives. Sergeant Wiley called last night. The woman exhibited her rent receipts for three years back. They were made out to Emma Henderson.

"That doesn't go with me, you know, Ida," said Sergeant Wiley. "You ought to remember that I know you." "Wiley," said Ida, "I ain't no 'oman,' no 'lookin' for."

"Where's your sister Emma?" asked the detective. "Gone calling," Ida Belle collapsed. "You got me, Mr. Wiley," she said. "I'm ready."

The lady played under her sister's name, and the detective is now looking for the "hook" shop where Ida Belle disposed of the sewing machine.

MISS WOOD SAVES NIGHT AT BIJOU

New York Woman Takes Place of Musical Director Ordered Out by Strikers.

CHEERED BY THE AUDIENCE

Union Upholds Orchestra, Which Quit Because It Wasn't Paid.

Musical Director W. F. Gohn, of the "Dare Devil Dan" Company, which opened a week's engagement at the Bijou Theatre last night, was ordered out by the regular theatre orchestra, which is on a strike. Under a ruling from headquarters, the musicians, who are members of the union, were right in refusing to play last week when the Bijou management declined to pay them for the week the theatre was closed by order of the Mayor. There has been no disposition on the part of the management to adjust the differences. Indeed, Manager McKeen has steadfastly refused to give in, and the orchestra is using the union influence to keep other union players away.

Woman Comes to Rescue. The proposition was put up to Mr. Gohn yesterday, and he agreed with his associates that he should not go on. For a time it looked as if there would be no music in a performance which required the Bijou management was a little smarter than some people might have dreamed. Expecting trouble, Manager McKeen got hold of Miss Jennie Wood, of New York, who happened to know the score, and she played "backwards."

Miss Wood arrived here Sunday night with barely time enough to rehearse a few bars, but no one could say that she failed to earn her money. She played the prelude, the accompaniments and the vocal numbers with a good humor between the acts. Using only the hard pedal, she banged away through the four acts as if every chair around her was full and every note was being heard.

Nearly everybody in the audience applauded the situation, and when Miss Wood took her seat there was applause of the kind that greets a game man when he goes up against odds. She played "backwards" while that might well apply to paupers, they could not in common charity turn away any sick person asking admission. The case of a child taken with diphtheria on a Pullman train recently was cited as an instance. According to some members of the committee, there should be a provision by which the cost of such cases should be paid by the city where they make their home. Another instance was cited of a woman brought here from Farmville without previous engagement. Taken to the Sheltering Arms Hospital, she was told that all the other places were full, and for lack of any other place, she was taken to the Richmond tuberculosis ward. In her condition the doctors were unwilling to send her back to Farmville. Members of the committee held that Farmville should bear the expense of her treatment. The case will be further discussed on Monday.

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WORK ON JAMES RIVER

Committee to Outline Plan for General Improvement.

The Committee on Improvement of the James River, organized last night for the purpose of collecting facts for the proposed improvements and to develop a plan of action, met at the Hotel Richmond last evening. Those who took part in the gathering were W. B. Battle, Jr., W. B. Smithers, C. S. Smithson, C. C. Horn, G. W. Richardson, J. L. Morris, W. N. Dook, W. V. Hamilton, W. S. Roberts and J. Q. Whiddon.

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Authorizing the purchase of standard weights and measures.

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Don't forget to order Bell Telephone service.

Call Contract Department.

FIND NEW DISEASE AT CITY HOSPITAL

Patient Dies There, After His Skin Had Turned Brown.

SICK PAUPERS COME HERE

Expense Which Should Fall on Other Cities Charged Up to Richmond.

In the report of the medical staff connected with the hospital department at the City Home, submitted to the Committee on Relief of the Poor last night, there is an account of a death in that institution from Raynaud's disease. The malady is little known even among medical men, and its symptoms are not familiar to the average practitioner.

The case was that of John W. Moloy, a white man, aged thirty-eight years, who died at the home on November 18. Part of the skin on his body turned brown before he died.

There were twenty-one deaths in the institution during November, of which eleven were of people over fifty years of age, senility and other diseases incidental to old age, being given as the cause in many instances.

Chas. H. Hobson and Councilman Umlauf were named in the hospital report to prepare the annual budget for presentation to the Finance Committee, showing the probable cost of operating the institution for the year 1910.

In view of the increased cost of certain items, especially in the hospital department, where large quantities of eggs and milk are used, the Council was asked for a special appropriation of \$750.

Treat Many Outside Paupers.

Superintendent Hobbs recommended that the committee consider some means of collecting from other cities in the State the cost of treating their sick in the hospital department of the Richmond Almshouse. The statutes require that inmates of the Almshouse be treated, but the authorities have taken the ground that while that might well apply to paupers, they could not in common charity turn away any sick person asking admission. The case of a child taken with diphtheria on a Pullman train recently was cited as an instance. According to some members of the committee, there should be a provision by which the cost of such cases should be paid by the city where they make their home. Another instance was cited of a woman brought here from Farmville without previous engagement. Taken to the Sheltering Arms Hospital, she was told that all the other places were full, and for lack of any other place, she was taken to the Richmond tuberculosis ward. In her condition the doctors were unwilling to send her back to Farmville. Members of the committee held that Farmville should bear the expense of her treatment. The case will be further discussed on Monday.

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BATTLE ABBEY SITE APPROVED BY MAYOR

Signs Resolution Passed by Council Fixing Location, Thus Ending Long Controversy—Only Two Measures Vetoed; One Held Up.

Along with the large number of new laws he has been called upon to approve during his administration, Mayor Richardson yesterday signed the resolution fixing the site of the Confederate Battle Abbey at Monument Avenue, Franklin and Cleveland Streets. The ordinance appropriating \$65,000 additional for the municipal electric plant was approved. The Mayor vetoed two measures granting permission to erect barber poles in the street, and still holds under advisement for further inquiry a resolution granting permission to E. A. Stump to place a low pressure boiler under the sidewalk.

The following measures were returned to City Clerk Ben T. August approved, and are now effective: Resolution permitting skating on the sidewalk of the city under certain restrictions.

Appropriating \$1,100 to grade Sixth Street, from Crouch Street to ravine south of Hospital Street.

Approving acceptance by the city of the proposed park donated by Mrs. Joseph Bryan and sons as a memorial to Joseph Bryan.

Approving plans for the overhead and underground transmission system for distribution of electric current from the new municipal plant.

Authorizing the employment of an employee of the electrical department to supervise the telephones and wiring of the public school system.

Resolving to direct the City Engineer to ascertain and report whether suitable barriers are being maintained around the dock.

Resolution instructing the City Auditor not to pay any bills of Alvey Bros., and instructing the City Attorney to ascertain to what extent the city has been defrauded in the delivery of grain, and to take steps to collect the residue after deducting the balance now claimed, and to report his action to the Council.

Authorizing allegations for street and alley improvements at the expense of property owners.

Transferring \$2500 from funds and carts expense to hands and carts pay roll.

Vetoed and Held Up.

The Mayor returned without his approval the ordinance granting permission to erect a barber pole in front of Murphy's Hotel, on Broad Street, and a similar ordinance granting permission to Alice D. Williams, trustee to erect a similar sign in front of 721 East Main Street. The ground of objection is stated in a sealed message, transmitted to the Council, and is understood to be that the proposed signs will obstruct the view of the traffic at congested points.

The Mayor still has in his hands a resolution granting to E. A. Stump permission to place boilers under the sidewalk adjoining his new hotel at Tilden and Main Streets. The City Engineer has advised that the boilers will be placed under the sidewalk, and the Mayor will consider the matter further before acting.

HOLDS UP THEIR MAIL

Many Packages Received From Abroad Are Delayed by the Collector.

Persons from North Carolina yesterday, through the mails through the office of Customs Collector Stewart Adams, and many of them will be forced to wait until after Christmas before the local office can make the deliveries. In every case where the collector has received a foreign package before by mail, he must first write a request, before the second shipment is delivered, to the Secretary of the Treasury. The department adopts this means of preventing fraud and the rule is an inviolate one, as far as the authorities at Richmond are concerned. If the rule is used, there is no danger